

TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY AND THE METROPOLITAN NASHVILLE HISTORICAL COMMISSION

39th Annual



"A Journey from Enslavement to Liberation"

Friday, February 14, 2020
8:30-4:00 pm

Tennessee State University
Avon Williams Campus
330 10th Avenue North
Nashville, TN 37203

Please Join Us!

On Friday, February 14, 2020 join Tennessee State University's College of Liberal Arts and the Metropolitan Historical Commission for a celebration of the contributions of African Americans to Nashville and Tennessee history. For thirty-nine years, this award-winning conference has brought together historians, students, educators, community leaders and others interested in African American history and culture.

The theme of this year's conference is "A Journey from Enslavement to Liberation." Brigitte Jones will speak about the enslaved experience at Belle Meade Plantation, while Dr. Angela Sutton will highlight the recent inclusion of Fort Negley as a UNESCO Site of Memory in the trans-Atlantic slave route, and Tina Cahalan Jones will discuss using U.S. Colored Troops' records for genealogical research. With 2020 as the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment, Linda Wynn will examine the dual struggles African American women faced in the quest for suffrage. Lt. Col. Sharon Presley will focus on the challenges faced by TSU graduates serving as Tuskegee Airmen, fighting for freedom abroad while being denied freedoms at home in the Jim Crow South. After lunch, Frist Art Museum curator Katie Delmez will explain the process of bringing the Murals of North Nashville exhibit to the Frist, and Fisk librarian Brandon Owens, Sr. will discuss the educational legacy of the colored Carnegie libraries in Nashville.

Entertainment this year will be provided by the Tennessee State University Jazz Collegians, directed by James Sexton.

Conference Registration



February 14, 2020

Registration Levels:

Students- \$20

Pre-registration (through January 31, 2020) \$30

Registration (February 1 through
day-of conference)- \$35

**No cash or checks will be accepted on the day
of the conference—please pre-register or
plan to pay by card.**

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Mail to:

**Metro Historical Commission
3000 Granny White Pike
Nashville, Tennessee 37204**

Name

Address

City, State, Zip

Email Address (for confirmation)

Phone

Questions? Call us at 615-862-7970

Preregistration is strongly encouraged.

Registration cannot be taken over the phone.



Preliminary Program

9:00 am

Welcome and Opening Remarks
Tim Walker, MHC Executive Director
Linda T. Wynn, Conference Co-Chair

9:20 am

**Tennessee Slavery: Perspectives,
Parallels, and Psychology in Relation to
the Belle Meade Plantation**
Brigette J. Jones, Belle Meade Plantation
Museum

9:45 am

**Fort Negley in an Atlantic Context:
The UNESCO Slave Route**
Angela Sutton, Ph.D., Vanderbilt
University

10:10 am

**"Fighting to be Free:" Researching
Williamson County's U.S. Colored
Troops Veterans**
Tina Cahalan Jones, African American
Heritage Society of Williamson County

10:30 am

BREAK

10:55 am

**Winged Victory: Tennessee State
University's Tuskegee Airmen**
Lt. Col. Sharon Presley, Tennessee State
University

11:20 am

**Women's Suffrage: A Two-Fold Struggle
as Women and African American
Women**
Linda T. Wynn, Tennessee Historical
Commission and Fisk University

11:45 am

**Remarks by John Cooper, Mayor of the
Metropolitan Government of
Nashville and Davidson County and
Dr. Glenda Glover, President of
Tennessee State University**

Noon

Lunch (provided)

1:30 pm

**Musical Performance by the TSU
Jazz Collegians**
James Sexton, Director

2:05 pm

**Bringing the Murals of North Nashville
to the Frist**
Katie Delmez, Frist Art Museum

2:30 pm

**The Colored Carnegie Libraries of
Nashville, Tennessee, 1908-1949**
Brandon Owens, Sr., Fisk University

2:55 pm

**Musical Performance by the TSU
Jazz Collegians**
James Sexton, Director

3:30 pm

Closing Remarks
Reavis L. Mitchell, D.A.
Conference Co-Chair

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Reavis L. Mitchell, Jr.
Fisk University

Linda T. Wynn

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